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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UN USE OF NICOSIA AIRPORT

1. NEW UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE (SRSG) GALINDO-POHL
BELIEVES HE MAY OBTAIN CONSENT OF BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES
FOR UN USE OF NICOSIA AIRPORT.

2. ACCORDING TO DEPUTY SRSG GORGE, WHEN UNSYG WALDHEIM
VISITED CYPRUS APRIL 19 TO DELIVER TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS,
TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS COMPLAINED ABOUT HIS PRACTICE OF
ARRIVAL LARNACA, DEPARTURE NICOSIA. THEY MADE THEIR OFTEN
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REPEATED POINT THAT WALDHEIM SHOULD USE ERCAN FOR ARRIVAL
OR DEPARTURE CYPRUS. WALDHEIM REMINDED DENKTASH THAT AT
VIENNA III IN AUGUST 1975 IT WAS THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS
WHO BLOCKED RE-OPENING OF NICOSIA AIRPORT.

3. GORGE SAID DENKTASH SEEMED TO BE TAKEN ABACK BY
WALDHEIM'S POINT ON VIENNA III. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION

THE IDEA OF EXCLUSIVE UN USE OF NICOSIA EMERGED
AND GORGE WAS INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW UP AFTER WALDHEIM'S
DEPARTURE.

4. IN SEVERAL SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS GORGE, AND
LATER GALINDO-POHL, RAISED THE MATTER WITH TURKISH
AMBASSADOR ONHON, TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND GOC. UPSHOT
IS THAT ALL HAVE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON A PLAN WHEREBY
UN WOULD OPERATE NICOSIA WITH ITS OWN TECHNICIANS
(PROBABLY BRITISH) WITH GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH
CYPRIOTS SUPPLYING ONE LIAISON OFFICER EACH TO CLEAR
FLIGHTS WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES ON BOTH SIDE.
UN OFFICIALS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO TURKS AND TURKISH
CYPRIOTS, WHO SEEM TO WANT AIRPORT TO OPEN, THAT THE
PROPOSAL WILL WORK ONLY IF THE TURKISH SIDE DOES NOT
TRY TO USE THIS EFFORT TO ACHIEVE SOME FORM OF
RECOGNITION FOR ERCAN ADVISORY AIRSPACE CONTROL.
GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD PREFER THAT UN NOT USE NICOSIA
BECAUSE CURRENT UN USE OF LARNACA EMPHASIZES INTER-
NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF GOC, LARNACA AND NICOSIA FIR.
GOC WILL ALSO BE RETICENT UNTIL U.S. EMBARGO DELIBERATION
IS COMPLETE BECAUSE OPENING OF NICOSIA, EVEN FOR EXCLUSIVE
UN USE, MAY BE USED AS EXAMPLE OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS AND
ARGUMENT TO LIFT EMBARGO EVEN THOUGH ITS REAL SIGNIFICANCE
IS ONLY MARGINAL.

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5. NEXT STEP IS A FORMAL REPLY BY TURKISH SIDE TO
GALINDO-POHL'S PROPOSAL. IF GOT AND TURK CYPRIOTS
CONCUR, GALINDO-POHL BELIEVES GOC WOULD HAVE TO GO ALONG.
HE HOPES TO HAVE AN ANSWER IN TIME TO INCLUDE IN UNSYG'S
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON CYPRUS DUE TO BE ISSUED IN MID-JUNE.

6. LOCAL PRESS HAS GOTTEN WIND OF THE GORGE/GALINDO-POHL
PROPOSAL AND HAS BEEN REPORTING ON PARTS OF IT. MEDIA
REACTION ON BOTH SIDES HAS BEEN NON-COMMITTAL.
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